# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SPARTANBURG DIVISION

| JANE DOE,                              |                            |
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| )                                      | Case No: 7:21-CV-03193-DCC |
| Plaintiff,                             |                            |
| vs. )                                  | LIMESTONE'S                |
| )                                      | ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED    |
| COLLINS MURPHY, SHARON                 | COMPLAINT AND CROSS-CLAIMS |
| HAMMONDS, BRENDA F. WATKINS,           | AGAINST COLLINS MURPHY     |
| LIMESTONE UNIVERSITY, COLLINS )        |                            |
| MURPHY, MG FREESITES, LTD., d/b/a      | (Jury Trial Demanded)      |
| PORNHUB.COM, MG FREESITES II           | ,                          |
| LTD., MINDGEEK S.A.R.L., MINDGEEK      |                            |
| USA, INC., MG BILLING LTD., and        |                            |
| HAMMY MEDIA LTD. d/b/a                 |                            |
| XHAMSTER.COM, TRAFFICSTARS )           |                            |
| LTD., WISEBITS LTD, XHAMSTER IP        |                            |
| <b>HOLDINGS LTD., WISEBITS IP LTD,</b> |                            |
|  |                            |
| Defendants.                            |                            |
| )                                      |                            |

COMES NOW, **LIMESTONE UNIVERSITY** (hereinafter "Defendant Limestone"), a Defendant in the above captioned matter, and responds to the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, showing this Honorable Court the following:

# **FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted against Defendant Limestone and as such, it should be dismissed.

## **SECOND DEFENSE**

Defendant Limestone denies all allegations of the Third Amended Complaint except as specifically admitted in this Answer and demands strict proof of all allegations in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint which are not specifically admitted herein.

# THIRD DEFENSE

Subject to the affirmative defenses contained herein and without waiving any of said defenses, Defendant Limestone responds to the specific allegations of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as follows:

# **INTRODUCTION**

1.

Defendant Limestone avers that Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint speaks for itself and therefor the allegations in Paragraph 1 do not require a response from Defendant Limestone. To the extent those allegations require a response from Defendant Limestone, Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

2.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**3.** 

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

4.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained against it in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as they pertain to other parties and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. By way of further response to Paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly denies that Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint against Defendant Limestone has merit.

6.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. By way of further response to Paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly denies that Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint against Defendant Limestone has merit.

## **PARTIES**

7.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. In response to Paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone admits only that Limestone University is a private, nonprofit, co-ed liberal arts university with a main campus located at 1115 College Drive, Gaffney, South Carolina 29340. By way of further response to Paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and by way of clarification, though Defendant Limestone formally changed its name to "Limestone University" in July 2020, it was known as "Limestone College" during the relevant time periods identified in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Defendant Limestone admits only that, as a nonprofit entity, it performs its mission of educating students through its Board of Trustees, and the officers and employees appointed on the Board's behalf. Defendant Limestone denies that it is liable for any wrongful acts alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

9.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations concerning Brenda F. Watkins' residency as contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering Further, Defendant Watkins was employed by Limestone as Director of Human Resources in 2013, but not in October 2019. Defendant Limestone denies that it is liable for any wrongful acts alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

10.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations concerning Sharon Hammonds residency as contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone admits that Defendant Hammonds was employed by Limestone College as the Director of Human Resources in 2012 but not 2019. Defendant Limestone denies that it is liable for any wrongful acts alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

11.

Responding to Paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone admits that it employed Defendant Collins Murphy from August 2012 - October 2014 as the intramural/summer conference director. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies those allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

12.

The allegation that Defendant Limestone was and is responsible for Defendants Watkins, Hammonds, and Murphy's alleged actions and conduct, as alleged in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, amounts to a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies this allegation. Defendant Limestone denies all remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

13.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

15.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

16.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

17.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**18.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

20.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

21.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

22.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

23.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

24.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

26.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

27.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

## **BACKGROUND**

28.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**29.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

31.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

32.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

33.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

34.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**35.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**37.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

38.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**39.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**40.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**42.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**43**.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

44.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

45.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

46.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 47 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

48.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 48 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

49.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 49 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**50.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

51.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**53.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 53 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

54.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 54 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

55.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 55 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**56.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 56 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

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Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 57 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 58 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**59.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 59 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**60.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 60 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

61.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 61 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**62.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 62 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 63 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**64.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 64 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

## **FACTS**

**65.** 

In response to Paragraph 65 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-64 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-64 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

**66.** 

Defendant Limestone admits that Collins Murphy began his term of employment in August 2012.

**67.** 

In response to Paragraph 67 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone admits that its women's field hockey team played the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Crimson Hawks' women's field hockey team in Gaffney, South Carolina in 2012. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 67 of Plaintiffs' Third

Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**68.** 

In response to Paragraph 68 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone admits only that it provided the IUP field hockey team with access to locker room facilities on Defendant Limestone's campus for the field hockey game between Defendant Limestone and IUP in 2012. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 68 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**69.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 69 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**70.** 

The allegations contained in Paragraph 70 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 70 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 71 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

72.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of Defendant Collins Murphy's knowledge of athletic competitions taking place at Defendant Limestone, and therefore denies that allegation. Defendant Limestone denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 72 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

**73.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 73 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

74.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 74 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

*75.* 

Responding to Paragraph 75 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone admits that it terminated Defendant Collins Murphy's employment in October 2014. Defendant Limestone denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 75 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 76 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 76 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

77.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 77 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 77 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

**78.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 78 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 78 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

**79.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 79 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 79 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 80 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

81.

Defendant Limestone admits that the Gaffney Police Department is conducting an investigation concerning the videos which are the subject of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 81 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

**82.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 82 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

83.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 83 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

84.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 84 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 85 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

86.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 86 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**87.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 87 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

88.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 88 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**89.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 89 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

90.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 90 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 91 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

92.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 92 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

93.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 93 of Plaintiffs'
Third Amended Complaint.

94.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations regarding videotaping and dissemination and publication of videos contained in Paragraph 94 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 94 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and denies that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged in any way by Limestone, including as alleged in Paragraph 94

# FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS MURPHY, MINDGEEK and XHAMSTER (VIOLATION OF THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMES PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT ("TVPRA"), 18 U.S.C. 1591, 1595)

In response to Paragraph 95 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-94 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-94 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

96.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 96 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

97.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 97 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

98.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 98 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

99.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 99 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 100 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

### 101.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 101 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

## 102.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 102 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

## 103.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 103 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 104.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 104 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

### 105.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 105 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 106 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

107.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 107 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

108.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 108 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

109.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 109 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

110.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 110 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

FOR AN SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS MURPHY,

MINDGEEK AND XHAMSTER

(CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE THROUGH A PATTERN OF RACKETEERING ACTIVITY – 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) and 1964(c))

In response to Paragraph 111 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant

Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs

1-110 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set

forth in Paragraphs 1-110 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted

herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

### THE ENTERPRISE

### 112.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 112 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

### 113.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 113 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014. If the allegations in Paragraph 113 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 113 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 113 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 114 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise. If the allegations in Paragraph 114 are not made against Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 114 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 114 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

### 115.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 115 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 115 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 115 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 115 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering

further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 115 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## 116.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 116 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 116 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 116 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 116 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 116 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 117.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 117 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 117 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 117 are not made against Defendant

Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 117 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 117 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## 118.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 118 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 118 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 118 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 118 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 118 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

### 119.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 119 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant

Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 119 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 119 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 119 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 119 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## 120.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 120 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 120 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 120 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 120 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 120 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

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To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 121 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 121 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 121 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 121 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 121 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## 122.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 122 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 122 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 122 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 122 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering

further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 122 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

### 123.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 123 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any racketeering activity, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 123 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 123 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 123 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 123 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 124.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 124 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 124 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 124 are not made against Defendant

Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 124 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 124 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 125.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 125 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any participation in the alleged Enterprise, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 125 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 125 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 125 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 125 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

### **126.**

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 126 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant

Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any pattern of exploiting women, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 126 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 126 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 126 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 126 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

### 127.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 127 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, denies any pattern of exploiting women, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 127 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 127 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 127 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 127 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 128 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 128 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 128 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 128 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 128 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## 129.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 129 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 129 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 129 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 129 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone

specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 129 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

## **130.**

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 130 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 130 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 130 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 130 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone denies that Plaintiffs have been injured by Limestone in any way and denies their entitlement to damages of any kind from Limestone including, without limitation, actual, consequential and punitive damages, and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 131.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 131 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 131 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations

in Paragraph 131 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 131 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone denies that Plaintiffs have been injured by Limestone in any way and denies their entitlement to damages of any kind from Limestone including, without limitation, actual, consequential and punitive damages, and demands strict proof thereof.

132.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 132 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship or associated-in-fact enterprise, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and denies all allegations against Defendant Limestone contained in Paragraph 132 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. If the allegations in Paragraph 132 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 132 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone denies that Plaintiffs have been injured by Limestone in any way and denies their entitlement to damages of any kind from Limestone including, without limitation, actual, consequential and punitive damages, and demands strict proof thereof.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT MURPHY (Invasion of Privacy – Wrongful Intrusion upon Private Affairs)

In response to Paragraph 133 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-132 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-132 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

#### 134.

Defendant Limestone admits that Defendant Collins Murphy previously had some access to certain locker room facilities at Defendant Limestone. Defendant Limestone denies all other allegations contained in Paragraph 134 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 134 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 135.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 135 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint if asserted against Defendant Limestone. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in Paragraph 135 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as they relate to Defendant Collins Murphy, and therefore denies those allegations. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 135 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### **136.**

The allegation that Defendant Collins Murphy's actions constituted an intrusion into the private affairs of the Plaintiffs and the other women, as alleged in Paragraph 136 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, amounts to a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To

the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies this allegation. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 136 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 137.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 137 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 138.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 138 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 138 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 139.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 139 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint if asserted against Defendant Limestone. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in Paragraph 139 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as they relate to other Defendants, and therefore denies those allegations. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 139 of Plaintiffs' Third

Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged in any way by Limestone.

140.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 140 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint if asserted against Defendant Limestone. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in Paragraph 140 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as they relate to other Defendants, and therefore denies those allegations. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 140 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged in any way by Limestone.

141.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 141 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint if asserted against Defendant Limestone. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in Paragraph 141 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as they relate to other Defendants, and therefore denies those allegations. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 141 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any damages of whatsoever nature from Limestone including, without limitation, punitive damages.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANT MURPHY
(Invasion of Privacy – Wrongful Publicizing of Private Affairs)

In response to Paragraph 142 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-141 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-141 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

#### 143.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 143 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 144.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 144 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 145.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 145 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 146.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 146 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response

may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**147.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 147 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

148.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 148 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 148 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

149.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 149 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 149 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any damages of whatsoever nature from Limestone including, without limitation, punitive damages.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT MURPHY (Invasion of Privacy – Wrongful Appropriations of Personality)

**150.** 

In response to Paragraph 150 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-149 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-149 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

#### 151.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 151 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 152.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 152 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **153.**

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 153 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 154.

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 154 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response

may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

155.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 155 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**156.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 156 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 156 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

157.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 157 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 157 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any damages of whatsoever nature from Limestone including, without limitation, punitive damages.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT MURPHY (Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

**158.** 

In response to Paragraph 158 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-157 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-157 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

#### 159.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 159 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 160.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 160 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **161.**

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 161 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **162.**

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 162 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 163 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 163 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

164.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 164 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 164 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any damages of whatsoever nature from Limestone including, without limitation, punitive damages.

# FOR A SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS LIMESTONE and HAMMONDS (Negligent Hiring)

165.

In response to Paragraph 165 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-164 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-164 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 166 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any knowledge of allegations of misconduct made against Defendant Murphy prior to his employment with Defendant Limestone, and denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 166 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### **167.**

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 167 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 167 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 168.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 168 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 168 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 169.

Defendant Limestone admits that Defendant Hammonds was employed by Limestone as Director of Human Resources in 2012. Defendant Limestone denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 169 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as pled. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 169 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

**170.** 

The allegations contained in contained in Paragraph 170 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint amount to legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 170 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

171.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 171 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

172.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 172 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged by Limestone in any way. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 172 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS LIMESTONE, HAMMONDS, and WATKINS (Negligent Supervision)

**173.** 

In response to Paragraph 173 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-172 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-172 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

The allegation as to Defendants' duty of care, as alleged in Paragraph 174 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, consists of a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies this allegation. Defendant Limestone denies all remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 174 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.

#### 175.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 175 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### **176.**

The allegation as to Defendants' duties, as alleged in Paragraph 176 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, consists of a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response may be required, Defendant Limestone denies this allegation. Defendant Limestone denies all remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 176 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, as pled, and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **177.**

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 177 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 177 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### **178.**

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 178 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 178 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 179.

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 179 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and denies that Plaintiffs have been injured by Limestone in any way.

# NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS MINDGEEK AND xHAMSTER (Negligent Monitoring) 180.

In response to Paragraph 180 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-179 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-179 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

#### 181.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 181 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **182.**

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 182 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 183 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

184.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 184 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

185.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 185 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**186.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 186 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

# TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS MINDGEEK AND \*\*AMSTER\* (False Light)

**187.** 

In response to Paragraph 187 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-186 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-186 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

188.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 188 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

189.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 189 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

**190.** 

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 190 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof.

191.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 191 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 191 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged by Limestone in any way.

192.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 192 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. 193.

Defendant Limestone is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 193 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 193 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and that Plaintiffs have been injured or damaged by Limestone in any way.

# ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS MURPHY, MINDGEEK and xHAMSTER (Civil Conspiracy)

194.

In response to Paragraph 194 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone expressly incorporates each of its responses to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-193 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint as if set forth herein verbatim. All allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-193 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted herein are denied, and Defendant Limestone demands strict proof thereof.

195.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 195 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and further denies involvement in any way with creation of sexually lewd content or with the alleged invasion of Plaintiffs' privacy, which purported invasion by Limestone is also denied. If the allegations in Paragraph 195 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without

sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 195 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 195 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### 196.

To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 196 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are made against Defendant Limestone, it specifically denies any relationship, including a conspiratorial relationship, with Defendants Mindgeek., xHamster.com, or with Collins Murphy except for its employment relationship with Defendant Murphy from August 2012 to October 2014, and further denies any filming of Plaintiffs and any involvement therewith, denies and any other content creation for Defendant Pornhub's website, and denies any involvement with the publication of any content on Defendant Pornhub's website. If the allegations in Paragraph 196 are not made against Defendant Limestone, then it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 196 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint and, therefore, denies the allegations in their entirety and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further, Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 196 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### **197.**

Defendant Limestone denies that Plaintiffs have been injured by Limestone in any way and denies their entitlement to damages from Limestone of any kind including, without limitation, actual, consequential and punitive damages, and demands strict proof thereof. Answering further,

Defendant Limestone specifically denies any allegations or inferences asserting liability against it in Paragraph 197 of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint.

#### PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

Defendant Limestone denies the allegations contained in the "WHEREFORE" paragraph of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and specifically denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief or damages including the relief and damages prayed for in subparagraphs A., B., C., D., E., and C. (sic) of the "WHEREFORE" paragraph.

### THIRD DEFENSE (Apportionment)

Should the jury find that Defendant Limestone was in any way a contributing proximate cause to the accident in question, which is specifically denied, then Defendant Limestone would show that its liability was less than 50% of the total fault and that it should only be liable for that percentage of the indivisible damages determined by the jury or trier of fact pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 15-38-15.

### SIXTH DEFENSE (No Joint and Several Liability)

There was no concert of action between Defendant Limestone and any other Defendants and, therefore, Defendant Limestone was not a joint tortfeasor with any other Defendant and may not be held joint and severally liable.

# **SEVENTH DEFENSE** (No Vicarious Liability)

To the extent Plaintiffs' claims against Defendant Limestone allege that Defendant Collins Murphy acting within the scope of his employment at the time he committed his alleged torts, Defendant Collins Murphy was not acting in the course and scope of his employment while committing his alleged torts and therefore Defendant Limestone is not vicariously liable for Defendant Collins Murphy's alleged actions.

### **EIGHTH DEFENSE** (Election of Remedies)

Plaintiffs' claims seek relief based on the same alleged underlying injury and, although Defendant Limestone specifically denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any recovery whatsoever, should Plaintiffs succeed on more than one ground for relief, Plaintiffs must elect their remedy so as to prevent a double recovery for a single purported wrong.

#### <u>NINTH DEFENSE</u> (Punitive Damages Not Warranted – Good Faith Efforts)

Defendant Limestone cannot be held liable for any punitive damages because any wrongful conduct, which is expressly denied, was contrary to Defendant Limestone's good faith efforts to comply with the law.

# TENTH DEFENSE (Punitive Damages Not Warranted – No Malice/Reckless Indifference)

Defendant Limestone denies that punitive and/or exemplary damages are warranted because at no time did Defendant Limestone act wrongfully or with malice or reckless indifference toward Plaintiffs' legal rights under applicable law.

## **ELEVENTH DEFENSE** (Punitive Damages Unconstitutional)

Any award of punitive damages against Defendant Limestone would violate the constitutional safeguards provided under the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina in that punitive damages violate the due process and equal protection guarantees, place an undue burden on interstate commerce, violate the right to assembly and petition the government, and violate the prescription against excessive fines.

# TWELFTH DEFENSE (Attorneys' Fees Inappropriate)

An award of attorneys' fees and costs to Plaintiffs is neither factually, legally, or equitably appropriate.

### THIRTEENTH DEFENSE (Other Causes)

Any damage or injury Plaintiffs may have suffered, which is expressly denied, was caused, in whole or in part, by persons or factors unrelated to Defendant Limestone.

### FOURTEENTH DEFENSE (Proximate Cause)

Defendant Limestone denies that Plaintiffs have suffered any damage or injury.

Alternatively, to the extent Plaintiffs allege that they were harmed or injured, such harm or injury was caused, in whole or in part, by persons or factors unrelated to Defendant Limestone.

# FIFTEENTH DEFENSE (No Duty Owed)

Plaintiffs' claims for negligent hiring and negligent supervision fail because Plaintiffs cannot establish that Defendant Limestone owed Plaintiffs a duty of care.

## SIXTEENTH DEFENSE (Punitive Damages Cap)

Defendant Limestone would show that any award of punitive damages is subject to the limitations set forth in South Carolina Code §15-32-530.

#### <u>SEVENTEENTH DEFENSE</u> (South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act)

Defendant Limestone is a charitable organization, as defined in Section 33-56-170 of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (S.C. Code Ann. Section 33-56-10 *et seq.* (Supp 1998)). The plaintiffs' allegations in this action are governed by the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act and

Limestone University pleads all immunities and defenses available under the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act as potential defenses, including the statutory cap on damages set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Section 33-56-180.

## EIGHTEENTH DEFENSE (Preservation of Affirmative Defenses/Reservation of Rights)

Defendant Limestone reserves the right to rely upon and does not waive such other affirmative defenses as the evidence may reveal during the course of discovery and reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert any such defenses.

Any allegations not previously responded to are hereby denied by Defendant Limestone.

The responses contained in this pleading are based upon the information currently available to Defendant Limestone and are a good faith attempt to respond to each and every allegation.

WHEREFORE, having responded to each and every paragraph of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant Limestone prays as follows:

- a) That the prayers of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint be denied;
- b) That Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint against Defendant Limestone be dismissed with prejudice and without cost to Defendant Limestone;
  - c) That Defendant Limestone have a jury trial; and
  - d) That Defendant Limestone have such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate, including recovery of its costs and attorneys' fees.

# FURTHER ANSWERING AND AS AN ADDITIONAL DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST CO-DEFENDANT COLLINS MURPHY

Defendant Limestone ("Limestone" or "Cross claimant") asserts the following cross-claim action against Co-Defendant Collins Murphy ("Murphy") pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 13:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Limestone's core mission "is to educate students from diverse backgrounds in the liberal arts and selected professional disciplines . . . . [in] an educational climate that upholds high academic standards and fosters respect for learning and beauty, creativity and hard work, tolerance and personal integrity, vigorous activity and spiritual reflection . . . . where students are challenged to become critical thinkers and effective communicators who are prepared for responsible citizenship, successful careers, and graduate study." Limestone has been fulfilling this mission for 175 years.

Plaintiffs allege that Limestone acted negligently, wrongfully, willfully, wantonly, and in violation of Plaintiffs' rights by hiring Murphy and failing to properly supervise him, which they alleged would have prevented Murphy from recording videos of them in various states of undress. Solely because of Limestone's employment of Murphy, Plaintiffs lump Limestone—a respected institution of education for 175 years—together with Murphy, and two pornographic websites, which Plaintiffs together accuse of engaging in a conspiratorial scheme to produce lewd "spy cam" videos for profit via public internet consumption.

However, Limestone was not in any way involved in Murphy's alleged misdeeds, or the alleged conspiracy to engage, perpetuate, or profit from those misdeeds as Plaintiffs' allege the two pornographic website defendants did. Limestone merely hired an employee (Murphy) after properly vetting him for employment and continued his employment without any indication that he might be committing any wrongdoing whatsoever, much less the surreptitious recording of locker room videos. At the first indication that Murphy *might* have engaged in the alleged conduct, not at Limestone, but at a prior employer no less, Limestone acted swiftly, thoroughly, and decisively by terminating Murphy's employment and conducting an investigation into his conduct at Limestone that did not reveal evidence of surreptitious recordings by Murphy at Limestone.

Now, more than five years later, Limestone has been thrust into this legal action as a defendant in the company of distasteful actors that are in no way its peers. This cross-claim action seeks to put the responsibility for the misconduct alleged by Plaintiffs squarely where it belongs, with Murphy.

1.

Defendant Limestone repeats its foregoing allegations in its Answer to Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint where consistent with the relief claimed herein.

2.

Defendant Limestone's cross-claims against Co-Defendant Collins Murphy arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the original action.

3.

As both parties to these cross-claims have appeared in the above-captioned case, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court as to the cross-claims contained herein under 28 U.S.C.A. § 1367.

#### **FACTS**

4.

During the times relevant hereto, Defendant Limestone was operating under the laws of the State of South Carolina as a private, nonprofit, co-ed liberal arts university.

5.

Murphy applied for the position of intramural/summer conference director at Limestone in June 2012.

6.

In filling the intramural/summer conference director position Limestone followed its regular and reasonable process for hiring new staff members.

7.

Limestone's Vice President for Student Services conducted multiple interviews, including in person, with Murphy.

8.

Limestone performed its due diligence with respect to Murphy, including reference, education, and background checks, and even including a federal and state criminal background check, and sex offender registry check, the results of which showed that Murphy had no criminal record and was not a registered sex offender.

9.

In fact, Murphy had no criminal record at the time Limestone hired him, nor at any time during his employment with Limestone.

**10.** 

Limestone hired Murphy as its intramural/summer conference director in August 2012.

11.

During Murphy's employment, Limestone received no complaints about Murphy, his job performance, his nature, his conduct at or outside of work, or of any other kind, from anyone inside or outside of Limestone.

**12.** 

To Limestone's knowledge, Murphy performed his job in a satisfactory manner.

13.

No one from Murphy's former employer, Alderson Broaddus University, ever contacted Limestone regarding Murphy during or after his employment with Limestone.

As contained in their Third Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs allege that they were members of a visiting athletic team to Defendant Limestone's campus on October 5, 2012, and allege that was the date they were secretly videotaped in various states of undress in Limestone's locker room by Murphy.

**15.** 

Upon information and belief, no one had reported videotaping by Murphy, secret or otherwise, until on or about September 17, 2014, when such a report was made to the West Virginia State Police.

**16.** 

In late October 2014, Limestone was made aware by West Virginia State Police that Collins Murphy had allegedly used hidden cameras to video students of his previous employer, Alderson-Broaddus University ("ABU").

**17.** 

Upon learning of the investigation in West Virginia, Limestone questioned Collins Murphy about the allegations concerning hidden camera use at ABU. Upon Murphy's admission that the allegations were true, Limestone immediately terminated Murphy's employment at Limestone.

18.

Limestone's Vice President for Student Services, Robert Overton, directly questioned Murphy regarding whether he had made any surreptitious video recordings at Limestone and Murphy stated that he had not used hidden cameras on Defendant Limestone's campus.

After Limestone terminated Murphy's employment, its then Chief of Campus Security, Richard Simmons, again asked Murphy if he had made any surreptitious recordings at Limestone, and Murphy again denied having done so.

20.

Limestone searched for and did not find any hidden cameras in the women's locker room or Collins Murphy's former office after it terminated Murphy's employment.

21.

Limestone also searched Murphy's school-issued computer and phone for evidence of hidden camera recordings and did not find any such evidence.

22.

According to the allegations of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, the videos Murphy allegedly made of Limestone's locker rooms began to circulate on the internet in 2019, almost five (5) years after Collins Murphy's employment with Limestone was terminated.

23.

Limestone was unaware of the existence of the videos until they were brought to Limestone's attention in October of 2019.

24.

Upon information and belief, Murphy has not been on Limestone's campus from the time of his termination in October 2014 to the present.

25.

Defendant Limestone informed law enforcement of the existence of the videos online and continues to cooperate with law enforcement's investigation.

Throughout Murphy's employment, Limestone did not know, and did not have any reasonable cause to suspect, that Murphy was hiding cameras in the locker room(s).

27.

After Murphy's employment, Limestone did not find hidden cameras that might have been used by Murphy for surreptitious recording, did not find evidence of such recordings on his schoolissued electronic devices, and did not receive any reports or other outside information indicating the existence of surreptitious recordings.

28.

Plaintiffs allege two (2) causes of action against Defendant Limestone in their Third Amended Complaint. To wit: (7) Negligent Hiring, and (8) Negligent Supervision. Plaintiffs claim that Defendant Limestone was negligent in failing to reasonably investigate Collins Murphy's history before hiring him or by hiring despite being on notice "that he presented a potential undue risk to female students," and failing to supervise Collins Murphy while he was in Defendant Limestone's employ. Plaintiffs also allege that Limestone is vicariously liable for Collins Murphy's actions as an employee of Limestone.

**29.** 

Limestone has denied all allegations or inferences of wrongdoing as alleged in Plaintiffs'
Third Amended Complaint because, *inter alia*:

- Murphy was acting outside the course and scope of his employment when he allegedly
  made the videos at issue, and therefore Limestone cannot be liable for his tortious conduct
  as a matter of law;
- Limestone conducted a reasonable investigation into Murphy's background prior to hiring him in 2012, by performing a criminal background check that showed no criminal history

and showed that Murphy was not on the sex offender registry—and to Limestone's knowledge he had no criminal history at the time it hired him or through the time Limestone terminated his employment—his former employer did not disclose any malfeasance to Limestone, and his inappropriate conduct at his former employer was not public knowledge at the time of his hiring, and in fact did not become public knowledge until after Limestone terminated Murphy's employment; and

• In 2012-2014, Defendant Limestone had no reason to suspect that Murphy would engage in the conduct as alleged in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint. Upon learning about the allegations concerning videotaping students at ABU, Limestone terminated Murphy's employment, and a search of the women's locker room and Murphy's office did not reveal any spy/hidden cameras.

## FIRST CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY (Indemnification)

30.

Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 29 as if fully set forth herein.

31.

As noted above, Plaintiffs allege that Limestone is liable to Plaintiffs on the basis of its employment of Murphy at the time he allegedly recorded the subject videos.

32.

Limestone denies all claims based on its status as Murphy's employer, as none of his allegedly tortious actions were in the course and scope of his employment, Limestone was not aware of his alleged illicit activities and had no reason to be aware of them, Limestone did not have the power to confer the authority on an agent to commit an unlawful act and did not attempt

to confer that authority on Murphy, and Limestone has not ratified or otherwise approved of Murphy's alleged actions.

33.

As a result of the foregoing, Limestone has been required to defend this action and incur attorney's fees and costs and uncertain liability exposure.

34.

To the extent that the fact-finder in this action determines that Murphy was acting in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant Limestone, a special relationship existed between Defendant Limestone and Murphy.

**35.** 

If Limestone is found liable on any ground related to Murphy's actions taken while he was purportedly employed by Limestone, the fault would lie entirely with Murphy and Defendant Limestone's liability would be secondary and passive.

**36.** 

Limestone is, therefore, entitled to full indemnification from Murphy for any liability which may be imposed on Limestone or which it pays in settlement of Plaintiffs' claims which relates to any of Murphy's actions or omissions, as outlined above, including recovery of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of this lawsuit.

# SECOND CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY (Fraud)

**37.** 

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 36 as if fully set forth herein.

Upon being confronted with the allegations of his surreptitious video recordings from ABU, Murphy twice represented to Limestone that he had not made surreptitious video recordings at Limestone—once to Vice President Overton, and a second time to Chief Simmons.

**39.** 

According to the allegations of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Murphy's representation to Limestone was false because he in fact recorded surreptitious videos at Limestone. Murphy, naturally, knew this representation was false. Murphy's false representation was material in that it obstructed Limestone from finding the truth and preventing Plaintiffs' alleged injuries from Murphy's conduct.

**40.** 

Murphy acted intentionally in making the false representation for the obvious purpose to avoid being caught in wrongful and potentially criminal conduct, and in the same way intended for his false representation to be acted upon by Limestone.

41.

Limestone was not aware of the falsity of Collins Murphy's misrepresentations at the time of said misrepresentations. Limestone had the right to rely on Murphy's misrepresentations and its reliance thereon was reasonable and justified based on Limestone's pre-employment review of Murphy's background including reference, and criminal background and sex offender registry checks; the absence of problems with Murphy during his employment with Limestone; the fact that, to Limestone's knowledge, he performed his job satisfactorily; and the fact that Murphy admitted to Vice President Overton when asked during his termination meeting that he had, in fact, surreptitiously made recordings while previously employed at ABU, among other reasons.

As a direct and proximate result of Limestone's justifiable reliance on Murphy's knowing false representations, Limestone has been injured and is entitled to recover special damages in the form of wages paid to Murphy under false pretext and other related expenses incurred from Limestone's employment of Murphy, the costs associated with terminating Murphy's employment and finding a replacement for his position, damages to Limestone's reputation, and other economic and noneconomic, nominal, consequential, compensatory, exemplary, and other special damages as may be proved at trial.

#### THIRD CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY

(Constructive Fraud)

43.

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 42 as if fully set forth herein.

44.

Upon being confronted with the allegations of his surreptitious video recordings from ABU, Murphy twice represented to Limestone that he had not made surreptitious video recordings at Limestone—once to Vice President Overton, and a second time to Chief Simmons.

45.

According to the allegations of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Murphy's representation to Limestone was false because he in fact recorded surreptitious videos at Limestone. Murphy, naturally, knew these representations were false. Murphy's false representations were material in that they obstructed Limestone from finding the truth and preventing Plaintiffs' alleged injuries from Murphy's conduct.

As an employee of Limestone, Murphy had a duty of loyalty to Limestone that required him to honestly disclose to Limestone his actions on campus, and otherwise regarding or important to Limestone, and as a former employee of Limestone Murphy in possession of important information that could impact Limestone, Murphy's obligation to disclose his actions continued.

47.

Limestone was not aware of the falsity of Murphy's misrepresentations at the time of said misrepresentations. Limestone had the right to rely on Murphy's misrepresentations and its reliance thereon was reasonable and justified based on Limestone's pre-employment review of Murphy's background including reference check, and criminal background and sex offender registry checks, the lack of any indication of problems with Murphy during his employment with Limestone, the fact that to Limestone's knowledge he performed his job satisfactorily, and the fact that he had admitted his surreptitious recording while at ABU to Vice President Overton, among other reasons.

48.

As a direct and proximate result of Limestone's justifiable reliance on Murphy's knowing false representations, Limestone has been injured and is entitled to recover special damages in the form of wages paid to Murphy under false pretext and other related expenses incurred from Limestone's employment of Murphy, the costs associated with terminating Murphy's employment and finding a replacement for his position, damages to Limestone's reputation, and other economic and noneconomic, nominal, consequential, compensatory, exemplary, and other special damages as may be proved at trial.

#### FOURTH CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY

(Fraudulent Concealment)

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 48 as if fully set forth herein.

**50.** 

Murphy did not disclose, and thereby concealed, his surreptitious video recording while employed at ABU at any time during his application for, or employment with, Limestone, including when applying, interviewing, or accepting employment with Limestone, and during his employment with Limestone until directly asked by Limestone after it was informed of his misconduct by the West Virginia State Police in October 2014, more than two years after his employment began.

51.

Murphy did not disclose to, and thereby concealed from, Limestone that he surreptitiously recorded videos while employed by Limestone, despite that Limestone asked Murphy this question twice thus giving him multiple opportunities to disclose in addition the opportunity to disclose created by the circumstances themselves, i.e. his admission upon being asked that he had recorded such videos while employed at ABU.

52.

Murphy's employment duties for Limestone, including his duties to direct the student-centric function of running the intramural program and community interfacing role of directing summer conferences, for which his office was located in a student and community recreation facility, involved Limestone placing trust and confidence in Murphy, and called for perfect good faith from Murphy and his full disclosure to Limestone of matters impacting its trust and confidence in his required good faith.

Murphy's concealments were knowingly false, and were material in that they obstructed Limestone from finding the truth and preventing Plaintiffs' alleged injuries from Murphy's conduct.

54.

Murphy acted intentionally in concealing his conduct for the obvious purpose to avoid being caught in wrongful and potentially criminal conduct, and in the same way intended for his concealments to be acted upon by Limestone.

55.

Limestone was not aware of Murphy's concealments at the time they occurred. Limestone had the right to rely on Murphy's concealments and its reliance thereon was reasonable and justified based on Limestone's pre-employment review of Murphy's background including reference, and criminal background and sex offender registry checks, the lack of any indication of problems with Murphy during his employment with Limestone, the fact that to Limestone's knowledge he performed his job satisfactorily, and the fact that he had admitted his surreptitious recording while at ABU to Vice President Overton, among other reasons.

**56.** 

Murphy's concealment of his surreptitious video recordings at ABU, and of his surreptitious video recordings alleged by Plaintiffs to have been made at Limestone, each constitute separate acts of fraudulent concealment.

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As a direct and proximate result of Limestone's justifiable reliance on Murphy's knowing concealments, Limestone has been injured and is entitled to recover special damages in the form of wages paid to Murphy under false pretext and other related expenses incurred from Limestone's

employment of Murphy, the costs associated with terminating Murphy's employment and finding a replacement for his position, damages to Limestone's reputation, and other economic and noneconomic, nominal, consequential, compensatory, exemplary, and other special damages as may be proved at trial.

#### FIFTH CROSS CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY

(Negligent Misrepresentation)

**58.** 

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 57 as if fully set forth herein.

**59.** 

Upon being confronted with the allegations of his surreptitious video recordings from ABU, Murphy twice represented to Limestone that he had not made surreptitious video recordings at Limestone—once to Vice President Overton, and a second time to Chief Simmons.

**60.** 

According to the allegations of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Murphy's representation to Limestone was in his pecuniary interest to post the surreptitious videos to certain websites that paid Murphy for that content.

**61.** 

As an employee of Limestone, Murphy had a duty of care in the form of a duty of loyalty to Limestone that required him to honestly disclose to Limestone his actions on campus, and otherwise regarding or important to Limestone, and as a former employee of Limestone Murphy in possession of important information that could impact Limestone, Murphy's obligation to disclose his actions continued.

Murphy breached these duties to Limestone when he misrepresented that he had not surreptitiously recorded vides at Limestone.

**63.** 

Limestone had the right to rely on Murphy's misrepresentations and its reliance thereon was reasonable and justified based on Limestone's pre-employment review of Murphy's background including reference check, and criminal background and sex offender registry checks, the lack of any indication of problems with Murphy during his employment with Limestone, the fact that to Limestone's knowledge he performed his job satisfactorily, and the fact that he had admitted his surreptitious recording while at ABU to Vice President Overton, among other reasons.

64.

As a direct and proximate result of Limestone's justifiable reliance on Murphy's knowing false representations, Limestone has been injured and suffered pecuniary loss in the form of wages paid to Murphy under false pretext and other related expenses incurred from Limestone's employment of Murphy, the costs associated with terminating Murphy's employment and finding a replacement for his position, damages to Limestone's reputation, and other economic and nominal, consequential, compensatory, and exemplary damages as may be proved at trial.

# SIXTH CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY (Trespass)

**65.** 

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 64 as if fully set forth herein.

66.

Limestone owned and/or operated the locker room(s) where the subject videos were allegedly taken, and had right to the exclusive, peaceable possession of the property.

**67.** 

Murphy was not authorized to enter the locker room(s) when they were to be closed pursuant to posted notice for the purpose of visiting sports teams on days when Limestone was hosting an athletic event.

**68.** 

According to the allegations in Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, and the facts as recited herein, Murphy made at least one unauthorized entry into the locker rooms that were closed for use by visiting sports teams.

**69.** 

Murphy did not have permission to enter into the locker rooms when he presumably placed and retrieved the hidden cameras to make the subject videos, or for the purpose of allegedly placing and retrieving the hidden cameras to make the subject videos.

**70.** 

Each of the aforementioned entries into the locker rooms constituted an intentional trespass onto Limestone's property.

71.

Limestone is entitled to nominal and exemplary damages for each of Murphy's trespasses, as well as any other damages that may be proved at trial.

# SEVENTH CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST MURPHY (Breach of Duties of Employee - Loyalty, Fidelity, Disclosure and Devoting Working Time)

72.

Defendant Limestone restates and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 71 as if fully set forth herein.

As Limestone's employee, Murphy owed Limestone certain duties, including without limitation the duty of loyalty to Limestone, the duty to disclose any information concerning his employment which Limestone would be likely to want to know, and the duty to devote his best efforts to the benefit of his employer.

74.

Murphy breached the duties an employee owes to his employer, by:

- concealing his illicit activities at ABU, and allegedly at Limestone, from Limestone;
- lying to Limestone about his illicit activities allegedly committed while employed with Limestone;
- presumably using his efforts during normal working hours to his own benefit at the detriment of his employer's interests, and as Plaintiffs allege, for the financial gain of himself and Defendants MG Freesites, Ltd., d/b/a Pornhum.com and Hammy Media, Ltd. d/b/a Xhamster.com, entities with which Limestone has no relationship whatsoever, and whose alleged business is contrary to Limestone's mission and now with which, through Murphy's alleged conduct and the underlying complaint, Limestone has been publicly linked; and
- such other breaches as may be proved at trial.

75.

Murphy's above-referenced breaches to the duty owed to an employer are the direct and proximate cause of damages suffered by Limestone.

**76.** 

As a result of the above-referenced breaches and their resulting damage to Limestone, Limestone is entitled to recover from Murphy the costs associated with terminating Murphy's employment and finding a replacement for his position, damages to Limestone's reputation, and other economic and noneconomic, nominal, consequential, compensatory, exemplary, and other damages as may be proved at trial.

WHEREFORE, having pled its cross claims against Murphy, Defendant Limestone prays as follows:

- a) That Limestone be granted judgment on its cross claims against Murphy;
- b) That Limestone have trial by jury; and
- c) That Limestone have such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate, including recovery of its costs and attorneys' fees.

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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